

# Business Development Division

## SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM

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(CMC 723-16)



### Sidewalk Vending Program

- Provides for the sale of food and merchandise on City sidewalks
- Established by Cincinnati Municipal Code 723-16.
- Vending RSPs are allocated primarily through an annual lottery and then on a "first-come, first-served" basis throughout the calendar year.

### Sidewalk Vending Districts

- Persons can apply for a Revocable Street Privilege (RSP) to operate from one of four designated location in the Downtown (Central Business District), Court Street, Liberty Dalton, and Short Vine Vending Districts.

### Hours of Operation

- Sidewalk vending hours may be restricted based on special events or other factors determined by the City. See CMC 723-16(7)(i) for information on Restricted Days

### Fees

- \$25 application fee per sidewalk vending location
- \$400 annual permit fee
- \$5 Badge Fee per employee (Available from the City Treasurer)

### Program Details

- RSPs may be valid for up to three years and may be eligible for two additional two-year periods.
- Locations not obtained in the lottery will go back into the lottery in March.
- The RSP must be displayed at with the vendor's stand and available for inspection during the vendors operation at their designated vending location.

### How to Get a Sidewalk Vending Permit

- For food vendors, the first step is to apply for a Health Department license by contacting the Health Department at 513-564-1751. This is not necessary for merchandise vendors.
- The next step is to secure liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million naming the City of Cincinnati as an additional insured.
- The third step is to contact the Vending Coordinator at 513-352-4638 or [vendingcoordinator@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:vendingcoordinator@cincinnati-oh.gov) to set up an appointment to obtain an RSP.